

The Avalanche

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

MY OWN GIRL.

Fifteen shillings—no more, sir—
The money is ready to hand.
For labor steady and sure, sir,
It isn't a deal too much;
Your money has wings in the offing,
And vanishes like a puff of air.
But I want a crown to fifty
As sure as Saturday night.
Bless her, my own, my own,
She's better than gold to me!

She lives in a rocking chair, sir,
With a quiver, dainty and droll;
But Kitty has never a thought in
That it is a white as snow—
She has a thought or feeling
An angel would blush to meet;
I love to think of her kneeling
Praying for me as sweet.

Bless her, my own, my own,
She's better than gold to me!
I must be honest and simple,
I must be manly and true.
Or how could I pick up a couple
Of shillings in her frank eyes, sir?
I feel, not waken, but pity,
When working to the hilt;
I say, "They're never a Kitty—
They'd all keep square if they had."
Bless her, my own, my own,
She's better than gold to me!

TEDE.

"By the way," said Mr. Samuel Gloss,
"I've a letter from Ted. It's quite a
heavy one, you see, for a chap of 10;
but I can't make out such a mass of
scrawl. Here, mamma, suppose you
read it."

Before Mrs. Gloss could reach out
her hand Uncle Joe, Mr. Gloss's bachel-
or brother, interfered with: "Let me
have the boy's letter; I always did
like that young scamp of yours."

After smiling at the down-hill ten-
dency of the superscription, Uncle Joe
soon became absorbed over the pages
that began in text-hand, continued in
spider tracks, and at last rose to the
dignity of hieroglyphics.

The Gloss family, tired out after the
holiday season, were having a domestic
evening in the dining-room. The li-
brary, hung in old Spanish leather,
lacked the embellishments that grow
out of daily use, and oppressed one like
a great bronze extinguisher; the long
drawing-room, the conventional New
York parlor, was too like a mammoth
and splendid bazaar, to admit of even
its proprietors feeling at home in it.

So about the dining-table were gath-
ered Papa and Mamma Gloss, the Miss-
es Lou and Rosie Gloss, Mr. Sorghum,
a gentleman of many smiles and com-
pliments, of many suits of fine clothing,
of a dog-eat-and-gorgeous living gen-
erally, and Uncle Joe, unmarried,
crusty and rich. There was also a
young fellow called Fred Tremaine,
but he was only a chap in papa's office
at a small salary. Though he had six
good feet of uncommon good looks,
still he was very modest. "And no
wonder," as Lou whispered to Rosie.
"He ought to be. Twelve hundred a
year, indeed."

Sorghum remarked, in his sweetest
tones, "How seldom a poor dog or a
bachelor like me has the chance of en-
joying a happy family gathering!"

A sigh, carefully given out for only
Rosie to hear, was a graceful hint of
his dissatisfaction with a bachelor ex-
istence.

Mamma Gloss clasped her plump
hands in a little ecstasy, and answered:
"No one can have any idea of the peace
and content of family life!" A smile,
both maternal and encouraging, showed
that Mr. Sorghum was an approved
candidate for the position of son-in-law.

Lou, who was clever, and had a lofty
bearing, a marble-white skin, and won-
derful rows of coal-black sealions on
her pretty forehead, made a proper
and girlish comment on the bachelor
remark; but Rosie, who was a confiding
blonde with big gray eyes, said nothing,
and kept on with her crotchety work.

Sorghum used inwardly a warm emol-
lient of "Wall-street-investing," and
wished himself the Afghan that could
so hold her attention.

Just then Charlie Hedge (the young
stock brokerage firm was Hedge &
Sorghum) dropped in, and, nodding fa-
miliarly to his partner, joined the fam-
ily circle by taking a place at Lou's
side. He exclaimed:

"How jolly! A regular boom in do-
mestic evenings, eh, Miss Lou?"

Now Uncle Joe was 60 at least, tall,
grizzled, clean-shaven, heavy-browed,
with a cast-iron look that seemed made
to withstand humming, and a steel-cold,
sharp eye that could pierce the nearest
coating of sham. Having at last fin-
ished his reading, he sat awhile shading
his face with his hand; then looked up
suddenly, as if he had made up his mind
to something, cast a searching and dis-
comforting glance around the table
and said:

"Who would like to hear Teddy's let-
ter?"

"I," said Sorghum, with the thickest
interest. "Ted must be a capital boy.
He's your brother." (This last in an
aside to Rosie.)

"Fine boy," confirmed Hedge. "Say
him here New Year's. So cheery.
Check is business capital." Ted will
succeed. Let's have the letter."

"I think my Teddy is very bright,"
remarked Mrs. Gloss, "and so I always
keep him away at school, where he has
the best of advantages."

"Yes," answered Uncle Joe, with an
inscrutable intonation, "boarding-school
is such an advantage to a child of 10."
"Oh, yes, undoubtedly," sighed mam-
ma, with a pensive look at the diamonds
on her nice, fat fingers; "and we moth-
ers sacrifice everything to the good of
our dear children."

Uncle Joe coughed noisily, and then
asked:

"Are you all sure you want to hear
the letter, and that you'll sit still until
the end?"

Quite an amiable clamor of voices as-
sented; so he began the epistle, which,
grammatically and orthographically,
ran in this wise:

DEAR FATHER & MOTHER Professor Whack-
er gave us a subject for our first com-
position when we came back after the hol-
iday he said we must write an account of
New Year's and put into it all we saw and
heard while we were home. New Year's I wrote
yesterday he gave it back to me with very
good marks and he said for me not to
leave it lying round here. I guess he thought
it was pretty good. I guess I will send it to
you so you can see I make some progress
I brush my teeth very carefully every night. I
am entirely out of pocket money your affec-
tionate son

A murmur of amused admiration went
around, and every one composed him-
self, with a smile, for further listening:

AN ACCOUNT OF NEW YEAR'S.
"Boys & girls have fun at Christmas
& get presents in their stockings. So
but New Year's times is for grown folks
crismas eve children has lots of fun so I
think grown folks ought to have fun New
years eve I don't want to be mean about
nothing so I didn't answer back nothing to
my Sister Lou when she called me a hor-
rid troublesome boy for sitting down in
her room after dinner New years eve.

"She was skolding a little woman not
was a dressmaker and had brot a long
tailed pink dress home sum hum fixed
up Wrong & she had Her hair all in
little ion-griddions to make it Skallup
nice the next day."

Miss Lou flushed, then laughed aloud
nervously to show that she enjoyed the
joke. Uncle Joe, without so much as a
quiver of his bushy eyebrows, went on:

"Rosy was sittin with her feet curled
up under her eting candy and reading a
story book in her Room she sed go-
way-Teddy & ma she was in her room
having a row with Kamil the Made
about her clothes & she sed go-way
Teddy too and then I says where shall
I go to & she says you may go to the
club & find your father I know where
the femi club is just room the corner
but father was busy playing cards with
some men & he sed go & sit down my
Son."

"So I set down & looked at some pic-
tures there was two men talking and I
guess they didn't know me but they
knew my sisters good kause one says
charlie you go in for loof you can stand
her temper and I go for the blondy then
we will make the old man gloss
settill our bills He brake her temper if I
get her says charlie & I will get more
capitol for the Firm."

"Blondy is meek & will stay at home
& not interfere with me I Guess says the
other feller any way we will share the
profits."

A funeral silence fell upon the room.
Hedge looked unnaturally childlike and
unconscious. Sorghum pulled his
mustache over a bad imitation of a
smile.

"Then Father after a good while he
got up & put on his coat to go home &
just out side the door of the club house
a man said some thing to father
and father He said lots of Swear
words that ain't allowed boys in Pro-
fessor Whacker's skool & It was all
a bona Settlement."

"And father said he hadnt got the
money for it. So I thort it was a new-
years present that Man wanted pa to
buy him."

"then we went home. Mother says
pa the girls will look elegant tomorrow
& they will be sure to catch something
worth while at last."

"Father says they had better ketch it
pretty quick then for things is comin to
an end then all of a suddin pa pounsed
on me and sent me to bed."

"The next Day, which was new years,
nobody at breakfast down staves but
me and father; father looked splendid
& so did I. We had on our bes clothes
& the carriage was redy to take us
callin. When ma and the girls cum
down they were very beautif especially
too the I like Rosy best."

"ma says pa what do you think of yer
chick er Biddlys, and kissed him."

"pa says hum! And we went Out
and he banged the front door."

Mr. Gloss used every wile to turn
Uncle Joe's attention; but he went on
mercilessly:

"Some of the lads we called on was
old & some was young. The ole ones
mosely had no necks on their Dresses
& a good many had orfally pink cheeks
and dirty eyes with black smudge un-
der them."

"but pa said the same thing evry
where."

"how charming You are to Day says
pa to all of them & he bowed & bowed.
And he kinder luffed and Bobbed run
& looked Silly and then he come out
and jumped in The carriage & says
Swear words again."

"says I it is Fun to make calls pa."
"says pa its a nusense so says I wot
makes you do it Pa."

"Society says Pa then I asked who
Society was & pa says Nusense again
then he tells me to hold my tungs
so then we went to see a ugly old
woman with lots of diamonds & she
wanted to Kiss Me & i wouldnt do it
& after Wards pa skolded me & said
she was Misses Koopons & I must al-

ways kiss such a Bish ole lady Then I
asked pa if he was sick & he sed he
wasnt and I told him I herd Miss
Koopons say he was a sick Offat."

"And father sed more Swear words &
made the Coachman drive me home,
& the girls were in the parlor & so
was the two men that talked a Bout Lou
And rosy at the club. The big feller
with the mustash said to Rosy she was
a crevel darling & rosy she turned her
back to him."

"then ma pinised Rosys arm and said
she was a little fool & had no feeling
for her family & rosy cryed softly rite
down on the Makroons I was eting cake
all I wanted & no boddy notised Me."

"charlie forgot all a Bout too s tem-
per I Guess because he said to her my
butifl friend I will be a good obbe-
diant husband too luffed & bit him
with her fan then lots more came in
and they all looked silly like father & all
the ole men told ma she looked like
rosy's sister, that ain't so because ma
is orful fat."

By this time the whole company had
risen, and were trying to interrupt the
reading, when Uncle Joe, in a voice of
thunder, commanded attention. They
all fell back into their seats, and re-
mained, with many curious changes of
countenances, silent to the end.

"then Nite come on & Lou & rosy went
Up staves & put more wite powder on
their faces & looked at their Back
hair in the Glass & loo said rosy ott to
my mister Rose Gum because he was
so rich & loo said she was going to marry
mister hedy because He was rich All
tho he was a fool & then they went
Down Staves."

A big tall yang man come into the
library were I had hid my kandy's &
rosy sed out loud I want to show you
this Nice room, they was behind the
door & he sed havint got coty new years
for me Rosy & she sed yes fred &
gave him a kiss behind the door & he
sed o rosy if I was only rich & then ma
came in to the entree & they ran out &
looked Silly too."

"then I went to sleep sittin on my
bundil of candys & when ma wote me
up evry Boddy had gone away & ma
sed she hated New Years & loo sed that
men were all muntkeys and rosy had a
Hedake. then I went to bed but Some
thing had made me orful sick tho I
don't belie if was cake & i went to rosy's
room softly. She was cryin & sittin on
the floor by the fire then I went in to
mas' room & She was cryin too & Pa
was sayin We are Livin on a Volcaner I
tell you."

"I was kinder skared be kause vol-
caners burn you all up & are evry
dangerous. Ma says samuel I Kant
help it the girls must dress & we must
keep up appearance says i ma why kant
we move off the volkaner & buy a new
House up to Sentrill Park."

"pa says whier did that yang skamp
come from & then the flor jump up
and lit me & ma sed it was kause I hed
et two much terrash."

"& I was orful sick all nite. The nex
morning Kamil the made helped me get
up & sed I was to go rite off to skool
Agen & the Coach man was to take care
of me I went to say good By to loo she
was in bed with griddions in her hair
eting lots of breakfast rosy kissed me
& her eyes was all red & she sed teddy
deer they are braking my hart & I
promissed Her wen i grow up i will
lick them all."

"if loo Rosy pretty well considerin
she is my Sister. pa & ma was shut
up in the library and & pa had lots of
little paper on the tabel."

"He said look at them."

"chesses, bonnits, fineary, jewelry. I
Kant pay them I tel you we are livin
beyoud our munes. So is evry body
says ma but the girls will marry wel
says pa look at rosy she is now in lov
with that good lookin Rasgal on 12
hundred a year."

"She shant have him says ma now
doubt he a brute and cut down expen-
sis perhaps jo will help you to my
brother jo is a Stinge ole kar says pa.
& if he knows we are Hed an ears over
in det he wudnt love Ted a sent."

"I dont want a sent pa says i five
cents aint much & one sent aint nothin
and unkle jo is an ole bare says I. o
Send the boy to skool he makes me
Craz Zy says pa & ma kissed me in a
hurry & pusht ma Long to the dore."

"pa had his hed buried in his hand
& kept sayin' roined, roined, and all
for appearance So i am rite of riting
such a long Comperishun and the
coach man took me bac to skool & that
is all I know a Bout new years."

Uncle Joe quietly folded up the
scrawl, and looked out from under the
thatch of his eyebrows at Hedge, who,
glancing at Lou, and seeing she was
dangerous, silently left the room and
the house. Sorghum followed also
politely escorted to the door by Uncle
Joe's steady gaze. The method failed
with Fred Tremaine, for the look only
sent him as far as Rosie's side, where
he sat down with determination. Mrs.
Gloss was sobbing hysterically, and
her husband seemed inclined to drop
down dead.

"Well," Uncle Joe began, "well,
aren't you a pack of idiots to sacrifice
your comfort and honesty for this
wretched show of fashionable life?
Now, I've always disappointed you in a
money way, and I'll do it still." Mr.
Sam Gloss trembled. "I'll do it still,
for you think I'm going to let you go to
ruin, and I won't. I will look over
matters with you, Sam, and find out
how I can put you on your feet again.
But stop this high-pressure living, and
give this girl Rosie to Tremaine, who is
a good fellow if he is poor."

Rosie and Fred tried to say some
words of thanks, but, failing to do just-
ice to their feelings, consoled each other
by clasping hands.

"There is worse misery than pov-
erty," Uncle Joe went on, "and Miss Lou
had better cast about for some good
boy at a thousand dollar salary, for no
more brokers will desire her dowry to
mend their capital. As for Ted, and
Uncle Joe rose to go into the library
with his brother, "he's an example to
all young writers—exact, truthful, im-
partial. I value his manuscript. I
shall keep him in pocket money, and
make him my heir."

CHEAMERY OUTFITS.

A Minnesota reader asks us to pub-
lish a list of articles or apparatuses com-
prising a cheamery outfit, for from sixty
to 100 cows. We comply with this re-
quest, giving at the same time lists for
dairies with a larger number of cows,
up to 600. Where it is only intended
to handle the cream from a certain
quantity of milk for butter making, the
lists below will be found to comprise
all the articles absolutely required,
with the exception of the boiler required
for making steam to warm the cream-
tempering vats in winter.

For steaming the small-size vats the
Anderson steamers will be found con-
venient and economical generators; for
larger sizes the "Aemo" boiler, and for
still larger creameries some larger
vertical or horizontal boilers would be
needed.

To handle the cream from milk of
fifty cows for butter making alone:
One 150-gallon cream-tempering vat;
one 150-gallon revolving box churn, to
run with hand or power, as desired;
one factory-size hand butter worker;
two butter ladles; one 240-pound
Union counter scale with platform and
tin scoop; two 14-quart ironclad pails;
one 1-gallon dipper.

To make butter from cream of 100
cows: One 150-gallon cream-tempering
vat; one 200-gallon revolving box
churn, to run with hand or power, or
factory-size hand butter worker; two
butter ladles; one 240-pound Union
counter scale, with platform and tin scoop;
two 14-quart ironclad dairy pails; one 1-gallon
dipper.

From cream of 150 cows: One 200-
gallon cream-tempering vat; one 250-
gallon revolving box churn; one factory-
size hand butter worker; two butter
ladles; one 240-pound Union counter
scale, with platform and tin scoop; two
14-quart ironclad dairy pails; one 1-gallon
dipper.

From cream of 200 cows: Two 150-
gallon cream-tempering vats; one 300-
gallon revolving box churn; one factory-
size hand butter worker; two butter
ladles; one 240-pound Union counter
scale, with platform and tin scoop; two
14-quart ironclad dairy pails; one 1-gallon
dipper.

From cream of 300 cows: Two 200-
gallon cream-tempering vats; one 300-
gallon revolving box churn, to run by
power; one power butter worker; two
butter ladles; one 240-pound Union counter
scale with platform and tin scoop; two
14-quart ironclad dairy pails; one 1-gallon
dipper.

From cream of 400 cows: Two 300-
gallon cream-tempering vats; one 300-
gallon revolving box churn, to run by
power; one power butter worker; two
butter ladles; one 240-pound Union counter
scale with platform and tin scoop; two
14-quart ironclad dairy pails; one 1-gallon
dipper.

From cream of 600 cows: Two 300-
gallon cream-tempering vats; two 300-
gallon revolving box churn, for power;
one power butter worker; two butter
ladles; one 240-pound Union counter scale,
with platform and tin scoop; two 14-
quart ironclad dairy pails; one 1-gallon
dipper.

Cream-tempering vats are made of all
sizes. They are also complete cheese
vats and may be used for cheese mak-
ing if ever needed, for that purpose.
They are so constructed that cold water
can be run around the tin vat in sum-
mer to cool the cream, and steam run
in cold weather to warm the cream,
thus tempering it evenly and ripening
it for churning as quickly as desired.
It is a well-established fact that cream
should not be churned until slightly
sour to obtain best results. —*Prairie
Farmer.*

PACIFIC COAST NABOBS.

The biggest fortunes on the Pacific
coast are those of the Central Pacific
railroad managers, and ex-Gov. Stan-
ford is the richest of the group. His
wealth is estimated at \$75,000,000; that
is, his yearly income is equal to the in-
terest on such a capital, and his property is
constantly increasing in value. He
owns more than \$5,000,000 alone in San
Francisco in real estate, to say nothing
of his farms, vineyards, breeding ranches,
etc. The ex-Governor has but one
child, Leland, Jr., a lad of about 15.

The richest widow on the Pacific
coast, or in the country for that matter,
with the possible exception of Mrs. Cor-
nelia Stewart, is Mrs. Mark Hopkins,
widow of one of the Central Pacific's
syndicate. Her husband's estate proved
up to \$23,000,000, and the only two
men in California who could justify on
the widow's bond as executrix were Le-
land Stanford and Charles Crocker,
two of her husband's business asso-
ciates. They were compelled to justify
in twice the amount of the estate, and
each swore that he was worth \$46,000-
000.

The richest unmarried woman on
the Pacific coast is Miss Jennie
Flood, only daughter of the bonanza
king.

The richest prospective heiress in
California is Miss Hattie Crocker, the
only daughter of Charles Crocker, an-
other of the railroad syndicate. She,
also, is a charming girl, and, like Miss
Flood, is rather plain in appearance.

She is noted for her charities and do-
mestic virtues. She was sought in mar-
riage by Lord Beaumont, an English
nobleman, but she gave him no en-
couragement, and it is believed prefers to
remain single. Mr. Crocker has two
other children, sons, but his immense
wealth will give all a princely fortune.

A SICKENING RECORD.

The Disasters of the Month of January.

The first month of the new year has been
littered with such horrors, it is doubtful
if any one month of the past years has
been so full of disasters by land and sea.
The destruction of human life has been
simply appalling. A record of the more
notable disasters involving the loss of
life is presented below: On the 1st of
January thirty-five people were drowned at
Frankfort, Germany, by the upsetting of a
ferryboat, and seven men were killed in a
riot at Opelika, Ala.; on the 2d of the month
eleven negro convicts were drowned in the
upsetting of a boat in North
Carolina; Jan. 3d the bark Star of the
West sank in mid-ocean, fifteen people per-
ishing, and we had news of terrible floods
along the rivers Rhine and Danube, involv-
ing the destruction of over 100 lives; on the
4th, four men were killed at Muskegon,
Mich., and four at Chicago, by the explosion
of a dynamite mine; on the 5th, the ship
of the French line, the *St. Louis*, was
sunk by a mine explosion at Conterville,
Ill., and five slain; by a boiler explosion
at Milwaukee, Wis., on the 6th, the
Hall House at Milwaukee burned, upward of
seventy human beings meeting a horrible
death; news of floods in Hungary, by which
hundreds were drowned, came from the
Danube valley; on the 7th, a fire in the
city of New York destroyed the *For* two
days the record shows a blank,
but on the 12th the *Atlantic* was
sunk by the submarine torpedo boat of the
month, the burning of a circus building,
and the cremating of 300 people at Berdis-
choff, in Russian Poland; On the 14th,
thirty-four people were killed by a railway
accident in Italy, and four servants were
burned to death by a fire in the *Planters*
Hotel at St. Louis. On the 15th, 100 per-
sons were killed by the explosion of a
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NEWS IN BRIEF.

IN CONGRESS.

An adverse report was made in the Senate, Jan. 20, on the bill to increase the pensions of one-armed and one-legged soldiers. Mr. Platt introduced a bill to add \$50 per month each to all pensions of \$25 or \$30. The Committee on Agriculture reported in favor of holding a world's continental cotton exposition in 1884. Consideration of the tariff bill was resumed on Jan. 20, and on round or square bar iron from \$20 per ton on iron or steel rails the rate was made eight cents per hundred per pound, and on tin plates 1 cent. In the House of Representatives, three members presented petitions praying for the transfer of the revenue marine life-saving machine hospital, and signal service. A bill was reported granting the right of way for a railroad through the Fort Smith military reservation. The tariff bill was taken up in committee of the whole, and Mr. Kelley declared that he had voted against it. It was agreed that the bill should be taken up on Jan. 27, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon.

In the Senate, on Jan. 27, a petition was received from the council of the Six Nations of Indians asking a recognition of their interest in certain lands in Kansas. Some work was done on the tariff bill. The House spent the day in committee on the bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the duties on the tariff bill. Mr. Blaine criticized the action of the committee on the tariff bill, and declared that he had voted against it. He said that the tariff bill was a measure of protection, and that it was not a measure of revenue. He said that the tariff bill was a measure of protection, and that it was not a measure of revenue. He said that the tariff bill was a measure of protection, and that it was not a measure of revenue.

Five negroes were recently drowned while crossing the Ogeechee river, in Georgia.

The piano factories of Haddon, Bros. and their branch, in New York, were reduced to ashes, the total loss being placed at \$250,000.

Coma's brass-burn factory at Elkhart, Ind., employing 100 skilled workmen, was ruined by fire, causing a loss of \$50,000.

The Caldwell block, at Omaha, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$125,000.

Burned: The Sweetzer block in Lynn, Mass., loss \$110,000; a wool storehouse at Hastings, Ont., loss \$30,000; several stores at Atlanta, Ga., loss \$35,000; Martin & Taylor's shoe factory, at Danvers, Mass., loss \$10,000.

Rehearsal: Henry S. Williams, 104 days out from Jacksonville, Fla., for New York, is supposed to have been lost with all hands.

A snow-slide near Irwin, Col., traveled a mile to the bottom of the gulch, sweeping away eight men and the shaft-houses of six mines. J. W. Goodspeed, formerly of Chicago, was buried 100 feet by a slide near Snow. Near Leadville an immense mass of snow, ice and earth shot down the side of Red Peak mountain, shaking the whole town like an earthquake. One man was caught and horribly mangled.

A hurricane destroyed \$200,000 worth of property at Denver.

A loss of \$100,000 was incurred in Philadelphia by a fire which originated near the corner of Broad and Vine streets.

A locomotive on the Long Valley road at Mauch Chunk, Pa., exploded, killing Engineer Miller and brakeman Youngblood.

A telegram from Denver, Col., says: Last night about three miles from Crested Butte occurred one of the most disastrous snow-slides ever known in the Rocky mountain regions. Late in the night thirty men employed in the Howard R. Smith anthracite coal mine were startled from sleep by an ominous rumbling noise, and almost instantly the avalanche was upon them. The building in which they were sleeping was crushed to atoms and the human occupants hurled down the mountain side. A rescuing party at road end from Crested Butte as soon as the news was received, and after several hours of deluging labor, the men were all recovered. Philip Curran, Logan, Inman, Louis Richards, William Moore, Charles Betts, J. A. Raymond and one other, name unknown, were found dead. Eighteen others were wounded, several fatally. All of the company's expensive machinery was destroyed.

A. D. Stage, living in a farm-house near Dassel, Minn., barely escaped from the burning building with his wife and babe, and four children perished in the flames.

Two of the band of robbers who made the recent attempt to rob a Union Pacific train at Montpelier, Vt., were fatally shot by a posse sent out by Wells, Fargo & Co.

George W. Traubner was hanged at Taylorville, Ill., for the murder of Joseph McKinney. Ed Garrett (colored) was executed at Texasiana for wife murder.

Trains on the Conotton Valley road collided near Canton, Ohio, mangling an engineer and fireman and injuring several passengers.

George W. Traubner was hanged at Taylorville, Christian county, Ill., for the murder, a year ago, of Joseph McKinney. The execution is claimed to have been one of the quickest on record, the murderer being dead in minutes from the time he climbed the scaffold stairs in his velvet slipper. The culprit dropped six feet, and the neck broke with a snap like the crack of a whip.

The partial destruction of the Caldwell block in Omaha, entailed a loss of \$125,000.

A train dispatcher's error caused a collision between an express and a freight train near Canton, Ohio, resulting in the death of fireman John Russell, and the maiming of Engineer John Stoneman. One passenger had a leg badly crushed.

Small pox has broken out in the lumber camps of the Rainy Lake River, district, in Minnesota, and ten men taken from the disease have already been reported.

A STRANGE CASE FOR LOSS OF MEMORY.

Out at Ploche many miners are troubled with loss of memory. It is said to be from inhaling the smoke of giant powder. At Ploche it is said there are some affected in the same way. It is probable that there are some here troubled in the same way without knowing the cause. *Eureka Sentinel.*

"The great mistake you make," says one of Charles Reade's characters, "is in imagining that people are thinking of you. They are not. They are thinking of themselves."

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

BEVERLY	6.50	6.80
HOGS	6.40	6.80
CORNS	1.10	1.15
WHEAT	1.10	1.15
CORN - No. 1	1.10	1.15
CORN - No. 2	1.05	1.10
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THURSDAY, February 8, 1883.

LOCAL ITEMS.

School books at the P. O.

Remember the concert Saturday evening.

Mrs. H. Brown returned home on Monday from a visit to West Branch. Chas. Ingersoll, of Grove, has gone to Grand Traverse to purchase a team of ponies.

Fine note paper only 10c per quire at the P. O.

Mr. J. T. Perham, Kent City, Mich., says: "I have Brown's Iron Bitters for sale, and it gives good satisfaction."

The railroad company are filling their mammoth ice house, bringing in the congealed fluid on cars from some point. It will hold 600 tons.

The American Dictionary for One Dollar at the P. O.

We have a large and varied line of invitation cards. Call and examine them.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at Mrs. N. Mickleon's on Friday afternoon and evening, Feb. 9th. All are cordially invited to attend.

Insure in the Sun Fire Ins. Co., of London, Eng.—the oldest company doing business in the United States, organized in 1710. A. H. Swarthout, Agent.

A large and varied assortment of valentines at the P. O.

Ladies, do you wish for nice, gold or silver-edged calling cards? If so, call at the AVALANCHE office for them. We have some "real daisies."

Mr. D. W. Harwood, of this city, will entertain our people at the school house on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14. Subject, "Man's Best Interests." Admission 25 cents; children 15 cents.

The ferry Algonquin arrived at St. Ignace, Saturday night, after being in the ice three weeks. She was met at the pier by a large number of citizens and a brass band.

There was a fair attendance at the debate last Friday evening and a lively discussion. As the matter was finally decided here, Congress can now proceed to other matters of legislation.

No business man should be without a nice business card. You can get them printed cheap at the AVALANCHE office.

The AVALANCHE office has turned out some very neat and tasty job printing during the past few weeks. Call in and look at samples.

Mr. John Ballard, of this place, would like to hear from John H. Olsdorf, Frederic Maltman, Chas. Millard or Wm. E. Morgan, late comrades in the Eleventh Reg't, Mich. Vol. Inf. Anyone knowing of their whereabouts will confer a favor by addressing as above.

J. G. Southworth, Lindington, Mich., says: "I have used Brown's Iron Bitters as a blood purifier, and it has done me good."

The storm of last Friday and Saturday was mild here, compared with the south part of the State and the entire northwest. There they had rain and sleet, followed by intense cold and high winds.

Mr. Albert Maxwell is on a business trip to Grand Rapids, Toledo and Detroit, but is expected back this week. The new B. R. eating house at Mackinaw, of which he will have charge, will be ready for business about the 20th inst.

The Art Amateur for February contains some striking crayon and charcoal drawings, including the Lions in Trafalgar Square by F. Hopkinson Smith, a portrait of that artist by Millet and Abbey, and a very life-like study by Geo. H. Boughton, whose beautiful painting, "Flowers and Falling Leaves," is also handsomely reproduced. The illustrations of "Inexpensive Home Decoration," by Lewis F. Day, and of "Japanese Decorative Art," by Dr. Dresser, are numerous and extremely interesting. Capital designs of narcissus, clover and barberries for jug and vase decoration and a clever bonesuckle design for a screen are given, besides a variety of suggestions for general decoration and ecclesiastical embroidery. The text of the number is especially strong. Edward Strahan has an excellent article on water color painting; Clarence Cook discusses without mercy the alleged Raphael at the Metropolitan Museum; the art of the past year is reviewed; picture exhibitions in New York and Philadelphia receive ample attention, and My Note Book is full of sharp paragraphs. New houses of artistic pretensions in New York and elsewhere are keenly criticized. There are valuable articles on fan painting, china painting and needle-work, and various topics relating to bric-a-brac, and art in dress are agreeably discussed. Price 25 cents, \$1 a year. Montague Marks, publisher, 23 Union Square, New York.

See the new goods just received at the P. O.

Dr. W. H. Niles lost a valuable horse a few days since by its getting cast in the stable.

Rumors are rife to-day of a lively assault and battery case at Fredericville, which is to be ventilated in the court.

Southern Michigan is an immense ice-field, nearly impassable for trains, but just perfect skating anywhere over the fields or roads.

There will be a donation party at the residence of A. H. Swarthout this evening for the benefit of Rev. S. Edgumbe. Everybody invited.

"Little" Frank Rose is down with the chicken-pox, also his nephew, Master Evans. Frank should have passed such troubles twenty years ago.

Mr. Kellogg, an architect and builder of Bay City, is here completing the contract for building the school house, upon which work will begin within two weeks.

The snow and sleet storm of Friday night, Saturday and Sunday night, was one of the heaviest ever known through the State, railroad travel and ordinary business being seriously interfered with.

The Anabella Root concert company will be at the opera house Saturday evening. This announcement should fill the house to overflowing, for they are unsurpassed and lovers of music will be doubly paid.

The AVALANCHE office is turning out a large quantity of job work, such as letter head, note heads, bill heads, envelopes, tags, etc., etc. We guarantee satisfaction, and do work as cheap as any office in the State.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SOUTH BRANCH, Jan. 30, 1883.

EDITOR AVALANCHE:

In your last paper "Eugene" says he has waited some time for some one to ventilate the ring, and as no one has come to the front to do it, he will do it himself. I think he has done it. Eugene says your old correspondent is off his beat a little—that he is town treasurer and doing carpenter work in the Richardson camp. How strange that he should know so much about your old correspondent, the town treasurer. The article referred to does not say that the ring ought to be ventilated, but some of the affairs of the town as administered. Eugene sees no difference between the present administration and the ring. Neither do we. In that article we see the concentrated wisdom of the R. and W. ring. For Eugene says, we got our heads together and talked the matter over, and I consented to lay the matter before all interested. He also says he is opposed to the so-called rings. Now then, if Eugene—your old correspondent, town treasurer—in his article has not shown up a ring, ventilated one, then I have never seen it done. Again, Eugene says, when men have taken \$125 for eight months' work in the office of town clerk, we look around to see if we can't find a man that can do it cheaper. Is it not a fact, Eugene, that you have been a member of the town board for several years past, and if it is a fact that men do take \$125 in eight months, how do they do it? Who is it that audits accounts in the town? or has there been no auditing done? Eugene further says, when tax-paying time comes around and we find our taxes to be about 6 per cent, we (got our heads together) look after the matter to find where this large per cent comes from, and when found (got our heads together) we talk the matter over, and if we can remedy it we try to do so. It is a fact that, as the ring has run the machine in this town for the last two years, taxes have gone up 150 per cent. Eugene, we are all interested, give us another lift.

UNCAS.

BE READY EARLY.

A season of activity is near at hand. Spring is coming, with its pressing work. Are farmers ready for sowing and planting? Every implement should be provided beforehand, so that no time may be wasted in making purchases or repairs after the work should begin. We have known a half-day of plowing to be lost because the whiffletrees were not at hand. Some farmers start out with their spring plowing without a single plow-point in stock, and when one is needed the team is taken from the field and driven to the store. Such a loss of time is a serious matter, and should be thoughtfully guarded against by ample provision of all such articles of the farm. It is a poor time to mend a harrow when it should be at work in the field.

We do not favor that economy—if it may be so called—that relies upon the neighbors for many of the tools of the farm. There are certain farm implements that may be owned in partnership, as a roller or reaper, but the constant borrowing of rakes, forss, etc., is not a wise and economical practice. Be provided with all these essential farm tools, and have them in good order, and at hand when the time arrives for using them.

Now is the time to look to these matters, and make all needy preparations for the busy days that will soon be here. In the peace of winter prepare for the war of spring.—Ex.

The AVALANCHE office has received another lot of new job type and an invoice of cards, invitations, envelopes, paper, etc., and is now ready to receive your orders, which will be executed with neatness and dispatch.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Republican convention for the county of Crawford for the purpose of electing a delegate to the State convention at East Saginaw, Feb. 28, will be held at the court house in the village of Grayling on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 2 o'clock p. m. Each township will be entitled to three delegates.

By order A. H. SWARTHOUT, Secretary Rep. Co. Com.

THE FERRY BROS. FAILURE.

The failure of Ferry & Bro., of Grand Haven, which the people in general have just heard of, has been a subject of much anxiety to many of their creditors since the beginning of the year. The immediate cause of the failure is now said to have been brought about by the investment of all the money they could command to develop their Utah silver mine, from which they have as yet received no return, though they have been very sanguine regarding the value of the property.

For about two years the firm has been in financial straits, and many of their more prominent creditors have since Jan. 1st been quietly securing themselves. Several attachments and mortgages were filed at Grand Haven last Friday against property belonging to the firm, and several sales of real estate are reported. The Genesee county and First national banks of Flint, attached certain property at Whitehall and Montague on Saturday, which had the effect of bringing matters to a crisis. The secured liabilities are held mostly in Grand Haven and Chicago, supposed to be something over \$300,000. Something like \$250,000 was lately realized from the sale of lumber yard interests in Chicago and some real estate, and it is supposed that much of this went to meet paper which had been indorsed by the purchaser. A Grand Haven paper says that very little property is now visible and that unsecured creditors will probably be left.

Chas. F. Beck, manager of Bradstreet's commercial agency, has been watching developments some time, keeping his customers posted in regard to matters, and has very kindly furnished a News reporter with the latest reliable information. The liabilities of Ferry & Bro., and other firms in which they are jointly interested, it is believed, will range from \$500,000 to \$750,000. They will probably reach the latter amount, and about \$300,000 will cover all assets, and these have been secured to creditors mostly in Chicago, Grand Haven and Grand Rapids, while creditors who are not secured will probably not get a cent. The failure involves particularly Ferry & Bro., S. H. Lasley & Co., of Montague, and the Michigan barge company of Grand Haven.

It is reported that some \$50,000 of Ferry & Bro.'s paper is held in this city, some of which has been protested, but those who hold it don't say anything about it.—Eve. News.

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Benjamin O. Baker, Homestead Entry No. 8280, for the N. E. 1/4 section 18, town 35 N., range 4 W., and the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz:
Nathan Hagerman of Wellington p. o., Eli Deak of Wellington p. o., Frank Crope of Wellington p. o., and Wellington Hagerman of Wellington p. o.
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